

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER
Resolution No. 2007-08-1**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO
NEGOTIATIONS WITH HOOD RIVER COUNTY FOR POTENTIAL EXCHANGE OF
PROPERTY ON THE HOOD RIVER WATERFRONT**

WHEREAS, the Hood River County History Museum (Museum) is a valued community institution that archives, preserves and protects important historical documents and artifacts, conducts education programs and carries out historical research in support of its mission to 'honor the past and preserve the future'; and

WHEREAS, the Museum is seeking to significantly expand the scope of its facilities and increase the impact of its programs on the local community and has formed a partnership with the Hood River County Chamber of Commerce to consider combining the Museum, Visitors Center and Chamber offices in one location; and

WHEREAS, the Museum is currently located at 300 East Port Marina Drive in a building owned by Hood River County on land owned by the Port of Hood River and the current building and site are too small to carry out the expanded mission of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Hood River (Port) owns an approximately one-acre parcel at the northwest corner of the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Riverside Drive (Property) which is well-suited for a museum due to its visibility, access and location and may serve as a portion of a site for an expanded Museum facility; and

WHEREAS, the Port has completed and approved the Hood River Waterfront Development Strategy which indicates that the Property is highly suitable for a "Gateway" structure that can establish a standard for design and construction and provide a transition between industrial and recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, the combination of the History Museum, Visitors Center and Chamber offices has potential to serve as an entrance to the Waterfront consistent with the Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Port has carried out an appraisal of the building that currently houses the Museum and the value is roughly equivalent to the value of the Property and potential exists to facilitate an exchange of the two properties; and

WHEREAS, the Port seeks to support efforts by Hood River County, the Museum Board and local supporters to identify a property for the expanded Museum in order to facilitate design and fundraising; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

- 1.** The Executive Director is authorized to enter into negotiations with Hood River County with the intent of executing a Disposition Agreement that would govern an exchange of property and facilitate design and development of the Hood River County History Museum on Port property near the intersection of 2nd & Riverside Drive on Waterfront; and
- 2.** As part of the aforementioned negotiations, the staff shall request that the County seek consideration by the City of Hood River of a zone change for the

current Museum property from Open Space to Commercial in order to enhance it's value and re-use potential; and

3. The Executive Director shall report back to the Commission on a regular basis as to the progress of negotiations.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this 18 day of September 2007.



Fred Duckwall

Absent


Sherry Bohn



Hoby Streich



Don Hosford



Kathy Watson